

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 21 with the following rewritten paragraph

A client, e.g. 15, may contact the client server 49 at any time using a widely distributed URL to the service provider's home page. When a client contacts the client server 49 (step 501 FIG. 10) prior to becoming a member, a step 505 is performed to identify if the client is a non-member and a screen is presented (step 537) to the client asking whether the non-member client would like to become a member. If so, the client is presented with a screen of information boxes as shown in FIG. 3, a portion of which may constitute terms and conditions of membership (not shown). The client, after viewing the terms and conditions, enters his or her name and address into boxes 107 and his or her e-mail address into a text box ~~101~~ 104. In the present embodiment a client's electronic mail (e-mail) address is used as a log-in name for services, however, other embodiments may include a separate new text box for a separate log-in name. The client then enters in a text box ~~103~~ 106 a password for later permission to use the service and confirms the password by retyping it in a confirmation box ~~105~~ 108. The client also enters his or her connect type such as XDSL in a text box 109 and connect speed, e.g. 6 M bps in box 111. The client further specifies in a text box 112 the video format he or she would like to use to receive later requested signals. The client also enters payment information such as a credit card number in text box 113 and a PIN for use with the credit card in box 115. The client also selects by means of a drop down menu 102 a listing for a preferred geographical location which represents the delivery system to which the client will most frequently refer. In FIG. 3 the client has selected the geographical location "New York" in menu 102 to

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identify the listing of programs available at a New York delivery system. As a part of membership, the client also requests a particular grade of service and base storage duration by entering text in boxes 118 and 119. Table I is an illustrative example of a grade of service/storage duration pricing schedule which is intended merely to be illustrative.
